

IN MEMORY OF ANN RITTLE
MONACO

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ann Rittle Monaco, a woman of strength, elegance, integrity and a passion for music. Ann, the Artistic Director at the Merit School of Music, died suddenly on July 30, 2002 after being hit from behind by a van while she was out on a run.

Born in Pittsburgh, she earned her bachelor's degree in music from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, and her master's from the New England Conservatory in Boston. While studying at Western, she met Richard A. Monaco, an accomplished composer on the faculty. The two married and in 1974 moved to Oak Park, Illinois.

Over the years, Ann Monaco taught at Chicago State University, and UIC and spent nearly three decades teaching piano to students in her home. In 1982, she joined Merit as a piano teacher, ten years later she became the artistic director. She also was running the school's Tuition-Free Conservatory at the time of her death.

Merit offers a full continuum of instruction in music, both classical and jazz. More than 30,000 youths have studied at Merit since it was founded in 1979. Merit's primary goals are to serve the economically disadvantaged, to help young people achieve their full musical potential, and to give young people a sense of purpose by stimulating personal and educational growth through music.

Ann was a major influence on thousands of Merit students. Known for wearing "a velvet glove over an iron hand" Ann was in charge of keeping high overall artistic standards at Merit, but she also was known for her fierce dedication to her students. She paid close individual attention to her students, doing everything from helping them find appropriate apparel for performances, to teaching them how to bow properly, and to fighting to secure scholarships for them to attend college.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that we remember the life of Ann Monaco. Her death creates a void not only at Merit, but also throughout the music education community and the world of music. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing our condolences to her family and colleagues.

IN TRIBUTE TO ED HOGAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a close friend, Ed Hogan, who is celebrating his 75th birthday with no sign of slowing down.

Just over a year ago, I rose to honor Ed and his wife, Lynn, for celebrating 50 years of marriage as business partners and partners in life. I spoke extensively about their entrepreneurial success and their extensive philanthropic endeavors. Some highlights:

Together, Ed and Lynn opened Pleasant Travel Service and built it into a limited liability

corporation with more than 1,700 employees and revenues exceeding \$400 million.

They formed the Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays Foundation to grant annual scholarships and awards to benefit Hawaiian residents. The non-profit Hogan Family Foundation is dedicated to promoting an understanding of the importance of travel and tourism. The Ed and Lynn Hogan Program in Travel and Tourism is funded at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Ed and Lynn volunteered for numerous other non-profit organizations focused on health care, child abuse and education, and sit on several boards, and have been honored frequently for their efforts.

In 1993, Ed and Lynn were inducted into the American Society of Travel Agents' "Hall of Fame," the travel industry's highest honor. In 1995, Ed served as a delegate to the first White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.

The past year has been no less busy. Through the Hogan Family Foundation, Ed and Lynn opened a community garden in Thousand Oaks, California, that is free and open to the public. The Gardens of the World was the site of a one-year anniversary tribute to the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, sponsored by the city and the foundation.

The Hogans also opened the Hogan Entrepreneurial Program at the Chaminade University of Honolulu. Ed joined the board of the California Tourism Association. And, they were blessed with the birth of their third grandchild, Gavin Hogan, son of Gary and Nadine.

Mr. Speaker, through a lifetime of hard work and family teamwork, Ed Hogan has achieved the American dream. At the same time he has upheld the highest ideals of America by sharing his knowledge and the fruits of his success. I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in wishing Ed Hogan a very happy 75th birthday. We can hardly wait to see what this year brings.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
FRED COBETT

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Reverend Fred Cobett, Children's Minister to Calvary Assembly of God in Dunwoody, Georgia, for taking on an unusual role to teach children how to help other children, while raising money for mission work.

At the request of the children he works with, Pastor Cobett agreed to spend seven entire days on the ledge of a billboard forty feet above interstate 285 in Atlanta for a fundraiser called Up in the Air For Kids. This event is part of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, a non-profit organization founded by the Assemblies of God Church that exists to reach the children of the world by creating a heart of compassion in the children they lead. The Up in the Air For Kids project is geared specifically toward raising community awareness of the needs of children around the world who are living in poverty. Nine other states nationwide are also participating in this benefit and hope to reach a cumulative goal of one million

dollars. Pastor Cobett's goal for Georgia is to raise 100,000 dollars that will be distributed among four separate charities including Convoy of Hope, Latin America Child Care, Africa's Children, and Asia's Little Ones.

As the son of a minister, I have a special affinity for Pastor Cobett and his ministry. It is a high calling, and I commend him for dedicating his life to teaching children the principles of charity, generosity, and goodwill in this creative manner.

HONORING JEANNE CARIGLIA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jeanne Cariglia for her 30 years of service to the students, staff, and community of Gates Lane School of International Studies in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Cariglia has done far more than efficiently serve breakfast and lunch for 30 years. Children also receive a warm smile, a friendly greeting, a hug, and a kind word. "Jeannie" is and always has been an integral part of the Gates Lane community. She has left such a lasting impression on our children that a Gates Lane Alumnus, author Jarett Krosoczka, has recently published a children's book entitled Bag Head wherein the "lunch lady" is a curly redheaded character named, as one would expect, "Jeannie."

An active participant in all school activities and social functions, Jeannie received the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award from the Gates Lane community in 2000. This award was given in recognition of her service above and beyond the call of duty and, more importantly, for her caring attitude, with which she serves her little charges each and every day.

Jeannie's retirement, while a great loss to our community, promises to afford her more time to enjoy her home with her husband, Dante, and her family of three daughters and two grandchildren. She also plans on traveling to sunny places with both her family and her wide circle of friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mrs. Jeannie Cariglia on her long career of service to the Gates Lane School of International Studies, and wishes her the best of luck in retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today Representative JOHN PETERSON (R-PA) and I are introducing a bill to establish a National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in honor of the army of health care heroes who, every day, comfort, care for, and assist our loved ones. Modern society takes for granted the need for nursing as an indispensable component of our public health system, but this was not always